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Addendum

91/__. United Nations technical cooperation activities

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The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 90/37 of 20 June 1990, in which, inter alia, it requested the Administrator to report on the results of the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to establish a more effective division of labour and a more complementary relationship, and to devise ways and means of eliminating duplicative administrative support activities and strengthening technical support activities,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 45/264 of 30 May 1991 on the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical cooperation activities (DP/1991/41 and Add.1-3) and the report of the Administrator on cooperation between the United Nations Development Programme and the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development (DP/1991/42) and the views expressed during the debate thereon,

Reiterating the importance of closer collaboration between the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme in the provision of technical and management services as well as non-project types of activities in sectoral areas where the Department has already developed the necessary technical expertise, capacity and experience,

Emphasizing that intensified cooperation should take account of the comparative advantages of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme to maintain their ability to respond effectively to the needs of developing countries,

1. Notes that the efforts to intensify the cooperation between the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme have been limited;

2. Requests the Administrator, in close association with the Secretary-General, to initiate a detailed study, which may include inputs by an external consultant, on all options of closer cooperation between the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the United Nations Development Programme, and to report to the Governing Council at its thirty-ninth session (1992) on the results thereof;

3. Decides to forward its views on the report of the Administrator to the General Assembly in time to contribute to the Assembly's further review of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields at its forty-sixth session, in accordance with resolution 45/264 of 30 May 1991.

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Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on United Nations technical cooperation activities (DP/1991/41 and Add.1-3) and of the views expressed during the debate thereon,

Recalling its decision 91/3 of 22 February 1991 on Special Programme Resources and the conclusions and recommendations of the evaluations of the Social Dimensions of Adjustment project and national technical cooperation assessments and programmes contained in document DP/1991/17,

1. Urges the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Population Fund to use to full advantage the technical competence and services available as appropriate from the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development;

2. Welcomes the efforts of the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to help increase national capacities for project execution and implementation and encourages it to continue such work, including training in the process aspects of technical cooperation and for strengthening of central management and implementation units within government offices, upon request;

3. Requests the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development to continue to give attention to the provision of information on its capabilities and services so that the nature and availability of these will become more widely known and understood.